

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For : METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR RANKING WORDS AND CONCEPTS IN A TEXT USING GRAPH-BASED RANKING	Examiner: ---
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Prior to the first Official Action, it is respectfully requested that the following amendments be made.